

as follows:

Cancel claims 1-21.

22. (Amended) A method of operating a client node, comprising the steps of:

sending periodic operability indication messages on a first channel [during an active state];

receiving a message [a poll message, and requesting channel connection];

sending periodic operability indication messages on another channel, the other channel being determined by the message received in the receiving step.

Cancel claims 23-25.

REMARKS

Claim 22 will be pending in this application after the Examiner enters the forgoing amendment.

In the specification, the amendments at pages 9 et seq. correspond to amendments made in allowed Parent Application Serial No. 08/700,988.

Applicants submit that the forgoing amendment places the application in better condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request that the forgoing amendment be entered before the examination of this application.

If there are any fees required for entry of this amendment, or for any other reason, please

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